

# ARMY & NAVY

## PLANS FOR 'RECONSTRUCTIONS' OF WOUNDED TO FIT THEM FOR CIVIL LIFE ARE OUTLINED

The Surgeon General of the Army, Maj. Ben. William C. Gorgas, authorizes the following:

The whole conception of governmental and national responsibility for caring for the wounded has undergone radical change during the months of study given the subject by experts serving with the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps and others consulting with them. Instead of the old idea that responsibility ended with the return of the soldier to private life with his wounds healed and such pension as he might be given, it is now considered that it is the duty of the government to equip and reeducate the wounded man, after healing his wounds, and to return him to civil life ready to be as useful to himself and his country as possible.

### Reconstruction Hospital

To carry out this idea plans are well under way for building "reconstruction hospitals" in large centers of population. Sites have been chosen, though not all finally approved, in the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Richmond, Atlanta, and New Orleans. Those of Boston, New York, Washington, and Chicago will probably be constructed first. Each will be built as a 500-bed hospital, but with provision for enlargement to 1,000 beds if needed.

These hospitals will not be the last step in the return of the wounded soldiers to civil life. When the soldiers are able to take up industrial training, further provision will be made. The injured man may be retrained to his previous occupation or conform with his handicapped condition or retrained for a new industry compatible with that condition. Additional education will be given to those fitted for it, and men may in some cases be returned to more valuable work than that from which they were called to war. Workshops will be provided at the hospitals, but arrangements will also be made with outside industries whereby more elaborate methods of training may be carried on. An employment bureau will be established to place men so trained in different parts of the United States.

### Men in Charge of the Work

This whole matter comes under the department of military orthopedic surgery recently organized in the Medical Department of the Army. The following officers of the Medical Reserve Corps are in charge of the work: Maj. Elliot G. Brackett, of Boston, director of the department of military orthopedics to the Surgeon General; Maj. Joe E. Goldthwait, of Boston, director of military orthopedics for the expeditionary forces; Maj. David Silver, of Pittsburgh, assistant director of military orthopedics to the Surgeon General. The following, in conjunction with the above staff, compose the orthopedic council: Dr. Fred H. Albee, of New York; Dr. G. Gwilym Davis, of Philadelphia; Dr. Albert H. Freiberg, of Cincinnati; Dr. Robert W. Lovett, of Boston; and Dr. John L. Porter, of Chicago.

Arrangements have been made by the department of military orthopedics to care for soldiers who are orthopedics (the prevention of deformity) is concerned, continuously until they are returned either to active service or civil life. Orthopedic surgeons will be attached to the medical forces near the firing line and to the different hospitals back to the base orthopedic hospital, which will be established within 100 miles of the firing line. In this hospital, in addition to orthopedic surgical care, there will be equipment for surgical reconstruction work and "curative workshops" in which men will acquire ability to use injured members while doing work interesting and useful in itself. This method has supplanted the old and tiresome one of prescribing a set of motions for a man to go through with no purpose than to reacquire use of his injured part.

In addition to the American orthopedic surgeons now working abroad under Col. Jones, of England, others will soon go overseas. Experienced surgeons, and a large number of younger surgeons who will work under competent directors, will go abroad for this work, all to be under the direction of Maj. Goldthwait. These orthopedic surgeons will work in England among the British forces and when needed will be transferred to France to work among American soldiers.

It is not the intention that men able to go back to the firing line shall be returned to this country, unless their convalescence will extend over a period of a considerable number of months. Soldiers unable to return to duty will be sent to the reconstruction hospitals in the United States.

Instructors and examiners for all the camps are also being furnished by the department of military orthopedic surgery. A number of older and more experienced surgeons will act as instructors and supervisors for each of the groups into which the camp will be divided; a number of orthopedic surgeons will be detailed as attending surgeons at each camp to act as examiners and as consultants to the camp's other surgeons; directions are being provided for instruction of medical officers in the military orthopedic

### SWAT THE MOSQUITO.

Any citizen having knowledge of mosquito breeding pools or empty cans in quantity will do the health officers a favor by ringing telephone 3595 and notifying the officer in charge.

### COSMOPOLITANISM OF AMERICA'S NEW ARMY

The Army of General Sarrail in the Balkans is said to be one of the most cosmopolitan in the war. It includes British, French, Serbians, Hindus, Italians, Russians, Albanians and Greeks. There are all the colors and all languages.

Consider, though, Uncle Sam's big army, now forming. It will include men of every possible combination and extractions.

Here's the proof. From the Thirtieth Assembly District, San Francisco, these names have been culled at random from the lists of men who will get their training at American Lake:

W. D. Gresham, Lorenzo Sbarigia, P. J. Boreon, Harold McGlynn, Marcel Berge, Samuel Cohn, Erwin Fula, L. Marion Cox, Tanabe Hidekazu, William O'Malley, George Chatkonstante, Vago Vanovius, L. C. Zimmerman, H. J. Bacholdt, A. Bacigalupi, N. S. Schwarnberg, Albert Ching Fong, A. Schweitzer, D. A. Daujat.

These are just a few, but these few include men of English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Greek, Irish, Chinese, Japanese and plain American origin.

But they're all Americans, once they get into the uniform and are part of the big National Army.—S. F. Examiner.

## OLD GLORY NOT TO BE CARRIED IN BATTLE LINE

Indications of the difference in fighting today and in previous wars and also of the so-called "betterment" campaign announced by Secretary of War Baker at the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Germany, are contained in general orders arriving from Washington.

Attention of all commanders is called to the latest war regulation "that standards, guidons and flags shall not be carried into battle." This order is an amendment to previous regulations, which obtained since the organization of the American fighting forces in the time of Washington, and which stated that Old Glory must always accompany troops into action. The amendment is made necessary, it is said, to insure secrecy of movement of troops, and also to protect the flag, which is readily raised by heavy fire if exposed for a few moments in trench warfare.

Following the order forbidding sale of intoxicating liquors to men in uniform is another announcing that commanding officers of posts shall aid various associations in "promoting the welfare and morale of United States troops." This order, signed by the secretary of war, suggests athletic contests between rival companies of American troops, ample reading rooms, plenty of concerts and other recreation for the men both in France and at home.

### RECENT NOMINATIONS COVER MANY BRANCHES

Following are the various branches in which the army colonels recently nominated for brigadierships are known:

General Staff—Lieutenant Colonel James G. Harbord, Cavalry.

Adjutant General's Department—Colonels James T. Kerr (retired), Eugene F. Ladd (retired), and Benjamin Alvord.

Judge Advocate General's Department—Lieutenant Colonel Samuel T. Ansell and Walter A. Bethel.

Quartermaster Corps—Col. Isaac W. Littell, Chauncey B. Baker, David L. Brainerd and Harry L. Rogers. Signal Corps—Col. Edward Russell, Ordnance Department—Col. Edwin B. Babbitt and Charles B. Wheeler; Lieut. Col. Clarence C. Williams.

Medical Corps—Col. Charles Richard, William H. Arthur, Henry P. Birmingham and Alfred E. Bradley.

serve the regulations of the camp and to assist by his individual efforts in establishing the regulation of the Thirty-seventh division as a soldiery and an efficient and a well disciplined command.

This division is to be made an efficient, effective, fighting unit, trained and disciplined to the highest possible degree. To this end, absolute and loyal cooperation of every individual is essential to insure success.

## GEN. TREAT TO MAKE OHIO TROOPS FIRST-CLASS FIGHTERS, HE SAYS

Code of Discipline and Morals Published for Men Under His Command

CAMP SHERIDAN, Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 14.—Maj. Gen. Charles G. Treat, recently from Hawaii, commander of the 37th division made up of Ohio state troops, is a "hard taskmaster," and the stay of the Buckeye state soldiers in the training camp here will be anything but a bed of roses.

A schedule of drills which will take up the men's time from reveille at 5:45 in the morning until retreat at 6 is being arranged by division staff officers, and when the men get into harness here and buckle down to real work, there are few of them who will feel like taking advantage of the three or four hours afforded them between retreat and taps.

"I mean to make the Ohio troops a division of fighters," declared Maj. Gen. Treat in an interview, "and not an organization of khaki clad dummies. I expect to work the men hard, but they will be kept in the best of condition, and the work I will give them will be only what I have given regulars without ill effect—and I've decided from the Ohio troops I have seen already that they are physically, mentally and morally the equal of any regular who ever trod a parade ground."

The men will be started out in close order field drills, going into extended order drills, taking up advance and rear guard formations, skirmish drill, battle practice, trench warfare and bayonet practice, and will be given hours upon hours and days upon days on the target ranges.

"I'd rather have one good marksman than a dozen soldiers who can't shoot," one of the regular army officers remarked during the conference today, and this plan will be followed out in detail.

A rifle range with 200 targets, second in size only to Camp Perry, will be in commission before the middle of October, and on this gigantic range the Ohioans will be taught to score "fives" as fast as the targets can be pulled.

Maj. A. S. Houts of the 5th Ohio Infantry, Cleveland, is at the head of the board that selected the range, and declares it is the best natural range he has seen in his many years as one of the Buckeye state's best shots.

The range will be equipped with pistol and machine gun targets in addition to the 200 rifle targets, and the men of every branch of the service will be taught to use with good effect the weapon used in his branch of the service. The range lies across the river, and the Ohio engineers, under Col. McQuigg, will gain valuable experience in placing pontoon and permanent bridges across the stream. Maj. Gen. Treat, just back from the Hawaiian Islands where he commanded the United States forces, has impressed on the officers and men of the entire division the importance of neatness in dress and of observing all the little niceties which make up the "code" of the American army.

A recent order covering this part of Gen. Treat's plans, reads as follows:

The commanding general of the Thirty-seventh division desires to take this occasion to point out the great importance of individual appearance, military bearing and soldierly conduct as an important factor in the military efficiency of this command. The general reputation of the division will be formed by the discipline, military bearing and conduct of the officers and enlisted men comprising it, and their promptness in carrying out in every particular the important duties devolving upon them.

Each individual officer and soldier is not only the custodian of his own reputation but is to a similar extent the custodian of the reputation of the division and of the army of which he forms a part. Therefore, it devolves upon him to conduct himself so as to reflect distinction upon his organization and credit upon the military service.

It is essential that the officers and enlisted men of the division appear in neat and proper dress at all times within and without the limits of the camp, to abstain from loud and objectionable language, to be courteous and self-respecting and to have due consideration for the rights of persons who do wear the uniform. Care should be taken to protect



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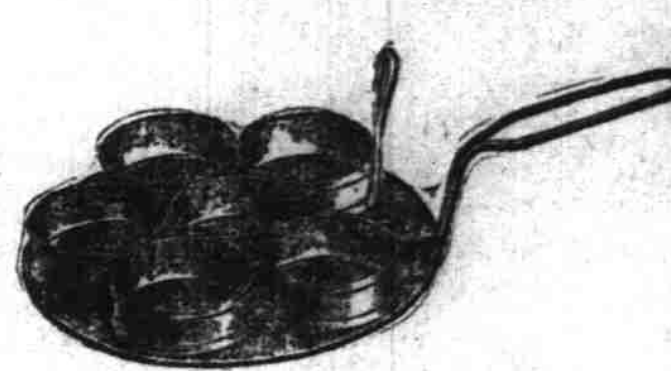
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